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Hetherington Calls Lawmakers Movie Screening Inappropriate



State lawmakers who are supposed to be in special session to reform campaign finance laws are finding time to view a left-wing propaganda film in the Legislative Office Building.

The state legislature's Labor and Public Employees Committee and Human Services Committee have jointly scheduled a movie screening and discussion group for November 17 on an independent movie about Wal-Mart.

"This is completely inappropriate," according to State Rep. John Hetherington, R-125, New Canaan, Wilton, ranking member on the legislature Labor and Public Employees Committee.

He said, "It's show time in Hartford, but this is not just entertainment. Actually, it features the demeaning of our legislative process with two of our standing committees sponsoring the special screening of a political film at an official session in a legislative hearing room. Let there be no mistake, this is not an academic study designed to inform us. This flick is an ideological piece crafted by a Michael Moore wannabe to drive a far-left agenda. Rate this movie 'X'- no fair-minded person should be admitted."

"Our state legislature is becoming more involved in political theater and less interested in substantive solutions to the state's most pressing problems," said Rep. Hetherington. "This is a new low in legislative theater of the absurd."

"Legislative hearings used to be reserved for serious consideration of real legislation," said Rep. Hetherington. "Now, we're using the Capitol to discuss movies representing a particular political point of view."

Hetherington stated, "It looks like the legislature is willing to go to any extreme to avoid debating the one thing they were called in to do: campaign finance reform."

The movie, "Wal-Mart: the High Cost of Low Prices," is scheduled for November 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Legislative Office Building Room 2D for anyone who wants to attend.